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Applicant: Zavislan

Application No: Divisional of USSN 08/942,431, filed October 1, 1997

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Title: SYSTEM FOR CONFOCAL IMAGING WITHIN DERMAL TISSUE

Examiner: Casler, B. Art Unit: 3737

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

a<sup>1</sup> Page 1, line 5, after "application" insert -- is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/942,431, filed October 1, 1997, which --.

a<sup>2</sup> Page 5, line 24, replace "5/20/96" with -- May 20, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,788,639, issued August 4, 1998, --;

Page 8, line 23, before "objective" insert -- the --, and delete "35";

a<sup>3</sup> Page 8, line 23, replace "5/20/96" with -- May 20, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,788,639, issued August 4, 1998, --;

Page 10, line 16, replace "60" with -- 82 --, and replace "35" with -- 83 --;

a<sup>4</sup> Page 10, line 17, after "1996" insert --, now U.S. Patent No. 5,788,639, issued August 4, 1998, --.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 9-18, 24 and 25.

Claim 23, line 3, after "means" insert --, -- and after "platen" insert --, --.

Please rewrite Claims 1 and 26 as follows:

a<sup>5</sup> 1. (amended) A system for dermatological examination of the skin tissue of a patient comprising: